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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KESTUTIS J. TAUTVYDAS and JEFFREY F.  
ANDREWSSerial No.: 09/696,635  
Filed: October 25, 2000For: FRUIT, VEGETABLE, AND SEED  
DISINFECTANTS

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: S. Jiang

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing an Appeal Brief required a reply by December 29, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to respond, and therefore request that the deadline for reply be extended two months from December 29, 2004 until February 28, 2005 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$450.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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